

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 12-14 were pending in this application. Claims 5-11 and 15-20 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-4 and 12-14 have been amended to better clarify the claims and claims 21-31 have been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 1-4, and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Erickson et al.*, US Publication No. 2003/0081791 (“Erickson”).

The pending independent claims (1, 12) have been amended to call for a physical, portable computer storage medium. The Erickson reference discloses using SOAP and other network communication means to communicate the configuration.

The advantage of the pending independent claims is that an electronic network device may now be configured to connect to a network with being connected to a network. Erickson creates a problem whereby a device new to a network cannot connect to the network and the only way to get the network configuration is to connect to the network. As the electronic network device cannot connect to the network, it cannot obtain the needed network configuration.

The pending independent claims address this shortcoming by installing the network configuration on a physical, portable electronic storage device. In this way, the portable electronic storage device may be connected to a electronic network device and then the electronic network device may then be ready to connect to the network. The frustration of not being able to connect to the network to get the network configuration files has been eliminated as the network configuration files are physically transported to the electronic network device first before an attempt is made to connect to a network.

The pending independent claims are an advancement over Erickson in that the configuration files can be physically controlled and installed without having to maneuver through the frustrations of trying to connect to a network without having the network configuration. As a result of the claims, the probability of a faulty network connection has been severely reduced and the user experience will be vastly improved. As a result, the amended claims are novel in view of the cited reference and should be allowed.

In addition, as all the dependent claims contain the limitations of the independent claims, the same elements are missing from the dependant claims. As elements are missing, the dependant claims should also be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and arguments, the Applicant submits the pending application is in condition for allowance and an early action so indicating is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30835/306290, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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